

City Commission of Arkansas City - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2020**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Ark City.

Mayor **Karen Welch** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioners **Kanyon Gingher, Duane L. Oestmann, Scott Rogers** and **Jay Warren**.

City employees present were City Manager **Randy Frazer**, City Attorney **Larry Schwartz**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Management Assistant **Mike Crandall**, Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell**, Customer Service Specialist **Courtney Warren**, Public Services Superintendent **Tony Tapia** and Human Resources Manager **Marla McFarland**.

Arkansas City Police Department personnel in attendance were Police Chief **Dan Ward**, Administrative Assistant **Jeni McGee**, Master Police Officers **Corey Combs** and **Cori Tuxhorn**, and Police Officers **Esther Law, Madison Pickett, Spencer Warren** and **Michael Yzquierdo**.

Citizens in attendance included **Ken Harader, Dovie McCaslin** and **Mark McCaslin**.

Commissioner Warren offered the opening prayer. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

At City Manager Frazer's request, Commissioner Gingher made a motion to amend the agenda by adding an executive session for consultation with the City Attorney as **Item 2 of Other Business**.

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Welch declared the agenda amended as stated. Commissioner Oestmann then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Welch declared the agenda approved as amended.

Awards and Proclamations

On behalf of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Police Chief Ward presented the **Silver Award for Life Saving** to Master Police Officer Cori Tuxhorn. He said a statewide event that would have honored Tuxhorn in person was canceled for **2020** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tuxhorn received a Life Saving Award for saving an infant who was not breathing on **Jan. 31, 2019**.

Recognition of Visitors

Police Chief Ward introduced the newest members of the Arkansas City Police Department, **Esther Law** and **Spencer Warren**, who then were administered their Oaths of Office by City Clerk Shook.

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Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the following:

1. Approving the **August 4, 2020**, regular meeting minutes as written.
2. Approving **Resolution No. 2020-08-3348**, authorizing the City to accept the proposal submitted by Ryan Roofing, Inc., of Salina, for repair to the elevator shaft, breezeway and break room roofs at City Hall, for an amount not to exceed **\$23,477.00**.

Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Welch declared the consent agenda approved as presented.

Old Business

Retired Citizens Advisory Council Ordinance No. 2020-08-4515

City Clerk Shook presented for discussion a second reading of an ordinance modifying **Arkansas City Municipal Code Part II, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3**, to remove the **Retired Citizens Advisory Council** from Municipal Code, and **Division 4**, to amend the **Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board's** purpose and duties.

Public Information Officer Lawson thanked the commissioners for tabling the ordinance, and said one section had been deleted to make it simpler and to avoid creating online codification conflicts.

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Welch declared the motion approved and given **Ordinance No. 2020-08-4515**.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Frazer provided the commissioners with the following reminders and updates:

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be in town to perform an annual levee inspection from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. August 25**. (**NOTE: This visit was later postponed until September 2.**)
- The next meeting of the Arkansas City Area Complete Count Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. August 27** at USD 470's Avery Learning Center, located at 2500 N. 15th St.
- The next City Commission study session is at **noon August 28** in the Commission Room.
- Mixed single-stream recycling rates have dropped from **\$121** to **\$100** per ton since **June 1**, and the corrugated cardboard rebate has risen from **\$10** to **\$15** per ton off a **\$475** freight cost.

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Other Business

Executive Sessions

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to recess into a **15-minute executive session** for consultation with City Attorney **Larry Schwartz**, City Manager **Randy Frazer** and Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell** which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)**, to discuss negotiations related to the governance of South Central Kansas Medical Center (SCKMC), with the open meeting set to resume at **6 p.m.**

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The executive session began at **5:45 p.m.** and ended at **6 p.m.**

Commissioner Oestmann then made a motion to recess into an additional **10-minute executive session** for consultation with City Attorney Schwartz, City Manager Frazer and Finance Director Cornwell which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)**, to discuss negotiations related to the governance of South Central Kansas Medical Center (SCKMC), with the open meeting set to resume at **6:10 p.m.**

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The executive session began at **6 p.m.** and ended at **6:10 p.m.** Afterward, the commissioners reconvened in the Commission Room. No action was taken following the executive session.

Adjournment

Commissioner Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Welch declared the meeting adjourned at **6:10 p.m.**

**THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Karen Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer